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SUBJECT : PRESIDENT NYERERE REPORTS TO NATION ON FOOD SITUATION

REF: DAR ES SALAAM A-200

1. PRESIDENT NYERERE ON NOV. 16 OUTLINED TO NATION'S POLITICAL AND GOVT. LEADERS AT DAR ES SALAAM'S DIAMOND JUBILEE HALL AND OVER RADIO TANZANIA'S DIFFICULT FOREIGN EXCHANGE I AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS AND TANGOV MEASURES TAKEN TO CORRECT SITUATION. MAIN POINTS OF SPEECH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2. NYERERE EXPLAINED THAT FOOD SHORTAGES IN TANZANIA AND NEED OF NATION TO IMPORT FOOD IS PART OF WORLD-WIDE PROBLEM. ASSURED NATION THAT THERE IS NO NEED TO PANIC AND THERE ARE ADEQUATE STOCKS AVAILABLE "TO KEEP US GOING TO OCTOBER--NOVEMBER NEXT YEAR".

3. HE NOTED NEED TO IMPORT IS DUE TO DROUGHT EARLIER IN YEAR AND FLOODS IN SOME AREAS. ASSURED NATION THAT WITH RECENT INCREASES IN PRODUCER PRICES FARMERS "ARE WORKING VERY HARD" AND ALL THAT IS NEEDED ARE GOOD RAINS. IF RAINS DO NOT COME, PRESIDENT WARNED,

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"WE ARE DOOMED."

4. REPORTED TANGOV IS NEGOTIATING WITH USG TO PROVIDE 200,000 TONS OF CORN AND 100,000 TONS OF WHEAT UNDER LONG-TERM PURCHASE ARRANGE-
MEMLAAPRESIDENT COMMENTED "US HAS ONLY INDICATED IT MAY AFFORD US
SOME 10,000 TONS OF WHEAT."

5. EXPLAINED THAT RECENT INCREASES IN FOOD PRICES (SEE REFAIR)
RELATES TO VERY HIGH COST OF IMPORTED FOOD STUFFS. TANGOV BUDGET
COULD NOT SUBSIDIZE ENTIRE AMOUNT AND IT WAS FORCED TO RAISE CON-
SUMER PRICES. STILL, NYERERE WENT ON, PART OF COST TO CONSUMERS OF
ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES COVERED BY GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY. TO EASE BURDEN
ON PRICES TO CONSUMER OF FOOD STUFFS, TAXES ON BEER, CIGARETTES AND
PETROL WERE RAISED RECENTLY.

6. PRESIDENT EXHORTED POPULATION TO GROW MORE FOOD, POINTING OUT
THAT EVEN IN WEALTHY COUNTRIES, LIKE US, LEADERS ARE TELLING FARMERS
TO CULTIVATE EVERY ACRE OF LAND. IF LARGE COUNTRIES, HE SAID, ARE
SO WORRIED, IT BEHOOVES POORER COUNTRIES TO TAKE MATTER SERIOUSLY.
AT SAME TIME HE CONDEMNED ELEMENTS IN COUNTRY WHO SPREAD UNFOUNDED
RUMORS THAT CURRENT FOOD SHORTAGES ARE RESULT OF FAILURE OF POLICIES
OF SOCIALISM AND SELF-RELIANCE. PEOPLE IN ETHIOPIA AND BANGLADESH
ARE DYING, HE STATED, AND THOSE COUNTRIES DO NOT HAVE SOCIALIST
GOVERNMENTS (SIC). NYERERE, AT THIS POINT, DISCUSSED MOVEMENT OF
PEOPLE INTO UJAMAA AND PLANNED VILLAGES -- STATING THAT NOWHERE IN
WORLD HAS SUCH A GIGANTIC MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE BEEN UNDERTAKEN WITH
FEWER DIFFICULTIES AND SUCH A SMOOTH MANNER. ADMITTED, HOWEVER,
THAT THERE HAD BEEN A FEW INCONVENIENCES TO CERTAIN PEOPLE.

7. COMMENT: NYERERE SPEECH WAS A GOOD SOLID "BACK TO WALL" APPEAL
THAT PAPERED OVER REASONABLY WELL SHORTCOMINGS AND DEFICIENCIES OF
TANGOV'S POLICIES OF RECENT YEARS. NEVERTHELESS, IT WAS A DEFEN-
SIVE SPEECH AND A REFLECTION OF HIS CONCERN AND WORRY THAT IS
MANIFESTED IN MANY WAYS IN TANZANIA TODAY. IT WILL PROBABLY WILT
SOME OF THE GRUMBLING WE HEAR REGARDING THE RECENT HIKES OF DOMESTIC
FOOD PRICES AND GENRAL CONCERN OVER THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY -- BUT
THE SUSPICION BY MANY THAT THINGS ARE NOT BEING MANAGED WELL WILL
REMAIN. THE IMPORTANT QUESTION -- WILL NYERERE'S EXHORTATIONS (AND
THOSE OF OTHER GOVT. LEADERS) INDUCE FARMERS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE
RECENTLY BEEN MOVED INTO NEW VILLAGES AND HAVE NOT YET RE-ESTABLISHED
THEIR FARMING ROUTINE, TO WORK HARDER THIS YEAR TO GROW MORE FOOD?
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ONLY TIME AND THE AMOUNT OF RAINFALL THIS WINTER WILL TELL.

8. BELIEVE NYERERE'S COMMENTS REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF GRAIN FROM
US NAOTHER EXAMTLE (SEE DAR ES SALAAM 3750) OF HIS FAILING TO GET
HIS NUMBERS STRAIGHT. STATEMENT REGARDING SATISFACTORY LEVEL OF
FOOD STOCKS PROBABLY POLITICAL IN NATURE AND PRESIDENT'S RATIONALI-
ZATION THAT US WILL COME THROUGH WITH FOOD GRAIN HE HAS REQUESTED.
IN ANY EVENT, IT NOTEWORTHY US ONLY POTENTIAL DONOR MENTIONED.

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